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GROUP 1700 In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of the amended claim is attached to this Amendment.)

1. (Amended twice) A process for producing a fiber composite material comprising filling (A) fibers with a high hot strength, based on at least one of carbon, silicon, boron and nitrogen, said fibers being coated with a layer of a pyrolyzable binder and reaction-bonded to a silicon-based matrix by infiltrating molten liquid silicon into a shaped porous body, (B) a plurality of pressing